PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c)Telecom facility has been provided in Siyalkot, Chanuli, Sarpatta and Majhali villages of Patti Kaklashon in Almora district of Uttaranchal. Seem, Bungga, Kunjhina, Srikot and Kota villages are located in remote areas and Telecom facility can be provided in these villages only on satellite terminals. It is planned to procure satellite terminals for remote villages of the country. Tender for procurement of satellite terminals has already been floated by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

In addition to satellite terminals, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) systems with a range of 25 Kms are being inducted.

The exchange to which the above villages are to be parented are planned to be connected by optical fibre during 2002-2003. At present, 42 out of 43 exchanges in Almora district are connected on reliable media and 13 of these are on optical fibre. There is a plan to connect 5 more exchanges on optical fibre by 31st March, 2002.

**Amendment to Central Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985**

* 110 SHRINARENDRA MOHAN: SHRI
J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to amend the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, so that the Administrative Tribunals could be abolished by the Central and the State Governments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what alternative fora would be available to Government employees for redressal of their service grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government is considering suitable amendments to the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 in view of certain judicial pronouncements as well as demands from a few States. The amendments proposed, among other things, include the enabling provision for the abolition of any Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal and also for the abolition of a State

Administrative Tribunal. It is proposed to have a provision for making of an appropriate scheme, in consultation with the concerned High Court, for the transfer of case pending before any such Tribunal. The Government employees would continue to have other forums like higher administrative authorities and Courts for the redressal of their service complaints.

**Making CBI a Multi-Disciplinary Organisation**

*111. SHRIRAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for making the Central Bureau of Investigation a multidisciplinary organization; and

(b) the number of CBI cases, against IAS, IPS, IRS, (Custom and Central Excise), IRS (Income Tax), IA and AS (Audit and Accounts), Indian Railways Services, and other All India Services officers, separately, since 1996 to 2001 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) With the intake of officers extended to Services other than Indian Police Service, Central Bureau of investigation is already a multi- disciplinary organization.

(b) The table below shows the number of cases registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation against officers of Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service, Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax), Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Central Excise), Indian Audit & Accounts Service, Indian Railway Services and officers of other All India and Central Services, between 1996 and 2001:—

| Yetr | IAS | IPS | IRS (Customi A Central Excise) | IRS (Income Tk) | IA «fc AS (Audit A Accounts) | Indian Railway Services | Officers of other All India & Central Services |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1996 | 26 | 7 | | 2 | 2 | — | 5 |
| 1997 | 13 | 5 | | 1 | — | — | 7 |
| 1998 | 14 | 4 | | 1 | — | 2 | 4 |
| 1999 | 11 | 4 | | 5 | — | 3 | 7 |
| 2000 | 22 | 5 | | 8 | — | 11 | 1 |
| 2001 | 13 | 3 | | 5 | — | — | 3 |
| TOTAL: | 99 | 28 | 23 | 22 | 2 | 16 | 27 |